

F O R E W O R D

This is the first study, as far as we know, to be carried on a foreign community in any Arab country, concerning the Palestine problem.

The Research Center of the Palestine Liberation Organization (P.L.O.) was interested in studying the American community in Lebanon for a number of reasons. One reason is that the Americans appear among the most ignorant and careless of people with regard to Arab rights in Palestine. Another reason is the fact that Lebanon has the unique position among the Arab countries of offering information to a foreign community in the community's own language. However, the major reason behind this basically empirical survey is to offer to those in charge of Arab information offices, Palestinians and non-Palestinians, who are trying to reform the approach of the Arab mass media toward the Palestine problem from the mistakes and shortcomings of the past, some facts about the American mentality which they are supposed to address and to get a feed-back from.

Of course we do not claim that studying the Americans in a country like Lebanon leads to an understanding of the whole American public. This is so, because we know that an